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SUBJECT: EXPORT OF WOOD AND COFFEE

1. DECEMBER 12 EDITION OF LOCAL LAO PAPER "VIENTIANE MAI"  
CARRIED FOLLOWING ARTICLE DEALING WITH EXPORT OF LAO  
TIMBER AND COFFEE: BEGIN QUOTE. THE PRICE OF WOOD FOR  
EXPORT HAS IN THE PAST BEEN SET IN EACH PROVINCE BY THE  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE. HENCEFORTH THE PRICE WILL  
BE THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AT 49 DOLLARS FOR A CUBIC  
METER OF SOFT WOOD.

ACCORDING TO MR. KHANTA PHONESENESOUKAN, DIRECTOR OF  
FOREIGN TRADE, WHO GAVE US THIS INFORMATION, LAOS IS  
NOT NOW EXPORTING HARD WOOD.

IN ADDITION, THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT LAOS WILL ALSO  
EXPORT COFFEE. IN FACT, A JAPANESE COMPANY SIGNED A  
CONTRACT ON DECEMBER 3, 1975 FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
LAO COFFEE. END QUOTE.

2. JAPANESE COUNSELOR NORITAKE KAI  
CONFIRMED THAT A JAPANESE BUSINESSMAN HAS  
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BEEN IN VIENTIANE FOR MORE THAN A MONTH DISCUSSING THE

PURCHASE OF LAO COFFEE. ACCORDING TO KAI, THE  
JAPANESE BUSINESSMAN WAS TAKEN TO THE BOLOVENS PLATEAU  
AREA BY PATHET LAO OFFICIALS TO SEE COFFEE PRODUCTION  
THERE. KAI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT A CONTRACT HAD BEEN  
SIGNED BETWEEN THE BUSINESSMAN AND THE LAO GOVERNMENT, BUT HE  
HAD NOT SEEN THE CONTRACT AND DID NOT KNOW ITS TERMS.  
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